

And a bill, entitled, An act to enable the corporation of the Roman catholic clergymen to receive a conveyance and hold certain lands, and for other purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 4, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 6, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill to erect a company as a body corporate for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the bay of Chesapeake and the river Delaware, was read the second time, agreeably to the order of the day, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

# A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs

Leigh,  
Plowden,  
Greenwell,  
Angier,  
Page,

Comegys,  
Parker,  
Taney,  
Chapman,  
Sherwood,

Martin,  
Hyland,  
Dashiell,  
Polk,  
S. Frazier,

Craig,  
Matthews,  
J. Brown,  
C. Frazier,

Corbin,  
Wilson,  
Robins,  
Rackliff,

Bennett,  
C. Beall,  
J. Buchanan,  
P. Magruder. 27.

# N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs

J. C. Thomas,  
Brogden,  
Hall,  
Godman,  
Emerson,  
Brome,  
T. Buchanan,

Merryman,  
Carroll,  
Worthington,  
E. Brown,  
Kerr,  
Jones,  
Pattison,

Goldsbrough,  
Hollingworth,  
Wallace,  
Miller,  
Addison,  
Duckett,  
Calvert,

Quynn,  
Key,  
Warfield,  
Thomas, Fred.  
Gift,  
Montgomery,  
Jarrett,

M'Comas,  
Bond,  
Young,  
Potter,  
Smith,  
Dorsey,  
Kerchner,

Riley,  
Swalles,  
R. Magruder,  
Clarke,  
A. Beall,  
Tomlinson,  
Rice. 41.

So it was determined in the negative.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

## T H U R S D A Y, December 7, 1797.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill to enable the corporation of the Roman catholic clergymen to receive a conveyance and hold lands, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The letter from the governor of the state was read, and referred to Mr. Robins, Mr. Swalles, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Key, Mr. Taney and Mr. Duckett, to consider and report thereon.

The memorial from the trustees of Washington academy, in Somerset county, was read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Robins and Mr. Wilson, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. J. Buchanan, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and establish a turnpike road through Frederick-town from Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, to Baltimore-town; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dashiell, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Somerset library company; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Stoddert Bond, of Talbot county, in behalf of himself and partner, have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof is reasonable, and that the singular services rendered by James Ayres in the late American revolution, entitle his family to the particular favour of the legislature, more especially when we take into consideration that he has never received any pay for his services as a soldier, in consequence of the limitation act of this state.

By order,

S. MAYNARD, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, counter to the petition in behalf of Henry Waggaman, of said county, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

Mr. Martin, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prohibit the raising of geese and swine in the town of Saint-Michael's, in Talbot county, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Parker, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of crows in Kent county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message being prepared, was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate, with the resolution in favour of Allen Bowie, by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 7, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE observe that you have dissented from the resolution in favour of Allen Bowie, of Montgomery county. The hardship of exacting from him the amount of the valuation of improvements placed on the land, induces us to request a reconsideration of his case. We conceive, that the principle established in this state, of insisting upon the payment of the valuation of improvements on vacant lands, must have originated from a presumption, that those improvements are generally erected from materials taken from the land itself; but as this principle is not applicable to the case of Mr. Bowie, we can see no justice in enforcing the exaction. If you should be of opinion that certificate proof is inadmissible in substantiating